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## WAS HE AN ANARCHIST

George H. Bean Doesn't Believe Norcross Was Insane.

Fresh Proofs in Support of "The World's" Identification.

The Bomb-Thrower's Mother Tells of His Study of Explosives.

Stronger proofs are accumulating with every succeeding day of the identification by The World's reporters of the bomb-thrower who killed himself in his desperate attempt to assassinate Russell Sage as Henry L. Norcross, the young Boston note broker.

The chain of circumstantial evidence against Norcross is so sufficient to establish this fact, but the discovery of a letter which he wrote to his parents and left in his office desk before he disappeared furnishes direct and absolutely conclusive evidence of his identity with the bomb-thrower.

It was written on Thursday, the day before the attempt upon Mr. Sage's life. The opening sentences of the document are these: "I go to New York today to get \$1,200,000. If I do not succeed I shall kill myself."

The parents of the young man, who live in Somerville, now have this letter in their possession. Although they have refused to make it public in its entirety, they declare that it shows beyond any doubt whatever that the person who threw the dynamite bomb in the office of the New York millionaire on Friday, Dec. 4.

The remainder of the letter contains the details of a carefully and deliberately conceived and worked-out plan by which Norcross expected either to obtain money enough to carry out his pet railroad scheme or to perish in the attempt.

He not only planned his own destruction but that of others who might thwart him in his endeavors, and he displayed all the cunning of a madman of the most dangerous type.

NORCROSS HAD NO ACCOMPLICES. That he had no accomplices is certain. He confided his plans to no one, and excepting occasional references to his ideas and intentions for the development of a perfect elevated railroad system and his vague allusions to capitalists that he was interesting in his schemes, he never mentioned a word regarding the manner in which he proposed to carry out his plan to secure his capital.

That he experimented secretly with explosives is now a well-established fact, and although none of his friends detected his real condition, it is probable that he had been insane for many months previous to his death.

Mrs. Norcross says in regard to the letter: "My husband brought it home to me sealed. We cut ourselves in our room alone and opened it. What it contained none but we know. I will say that it revealed from our minds any doubt that may have remained as to the identity of the bomb-thrower."

"It makes a fact of the theory that Henry dropped the bag of dynamite in Mr. Sage's office. He was insane and made a martyr of himself in the interest of his invention and what he believed to be the good of society."

HE HAD STUDIED UP ON NITRO-GLYCERINE. According to the mother, Henry Norcross had unusual fondness for unravelling the unknown. She remembers that several years ago he took an abiding interest in the study of the manufacture of nitro-glycerine and its properties.

She says he read all the books he could get on the subject, and studied it until he learned all about it. Once he explained to his mother how the explosive was made, and what terrible force it possessed.

Mrs. Norcross says also that her son frequently talked to her about his inventions and his railroad plans, and said he had sent circulars to many capitalists and millionaires in the endeavor to interest them in his scheme.

He had particularly mentioned Russell Sage, for whom he seemed to have a great admiration, as he was the only man who had acquired his wealth honestly, and by sheer force and perseverance. He said he placed all his hopes on Sage's assistance.

GREW MOODY AND UNCOMMUNICATIVE. This was some time before he left Boston. Of late the mother had noticed that her son was becoming more reserved and less talkative. Sometimes he would sit brooding in a room full of people, and seem to see and hear nothing of what was going on about him.

He was not popular with the young women of Somerville, who, although they admired his handsome face and bearing, were rather afraid of him because he was so cold and unsympathetic.

The brown derby hat which Norcross was accustomed to wear and which he had on when he left his home Thursday, Dec. 3, has been found in his office. This explains how he happened to be wearing a silk hat in New York. He probably bought it in Boston just before he left that city.

George H. Bean, of Quincy, Mass., who knew Norcross very intimately, says: "The World's" photograph of the bomb-thrower was that of Norcross.

HENRY NORCROSS WAS AN ANARCHIST. He says that Norcross had been drinking much alcohol since late, and always left a bottle of it in his office desk. He was an anarchist, to the extent of a pronounced atheist, with a strong aversion to Catholicism.

He believes that Norcross deliberately laid his plans, and declares that when he had once determined upon a course of action, nothing would turn him from his purpose, as he had a remarkable strength of will. He does not believe that Norcross was crazy.

THE HEAD NO LONGER ON VIEW. The jar of alcohol containing the head of Dynamite Norcross was placed in an ice-box in Bellevue Hospital this morning, where it will remain until the wishes of the dead man's parents in the matter of its final disposition have been ascertained.

Morgue-keeper White informed a small

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